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#### **MESSAGE:**

**EFFICIENT RECURSIVE CLUSTERING BASED ON A SPLITTING FUNCTION  
DERIVED FROM SUCCESSIVE EIGEN-DECOMPOSITIONS**

Application No. 10/042,827  
Examiner M. Pierre  
Art Unit 2654

Amendment Transmittal  
Petition and Fee for Extension of Time  
Amendment

YOR920010539US1  
(590.076)

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of : Chaudhari et al  
Serial No. : 10/042,827 Examiner : M. Pierre  
Filed : January 4, 2002 Group Art Unit : 2654  
For : EFFICIENT RECURSIVE CLUSTERING BASED ON A SPLITTING  
FUNCTION DERIVED FROM SUCCESSIVE EIGEN-  
DECOMPOSITIONS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

1. ☒ Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- OR
2. ☒ In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
3. ☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
4. ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status is enclosed.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being facsimile transmitted on (571) 273-8300 on August 15, 2006 to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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5. ☐ Also enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☒ No additional filing fee is required.
7. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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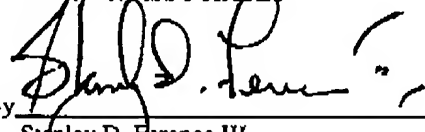
	Claims Remaining After Amendment (Col. 1)	Highest No. Prev. paid for (Col. 2)	Present Extra (Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
				RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	21	** 21	= * 0	x \$25	=	O x \$50	=
Ind. Claims	3	*** 3	= * 0	x \$100	=	O x \$200	=
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				+ \$180	=	O + \$360	=
				<b>TOTAL</b>	= \$ _____	<b>TOTAL</b>	= \$ _____

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8. ☐ Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee.
9. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$\_\_\_\_\_ filing fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.
10. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,

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 By   
 Stanley D. Ference III  
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Dated: August 15, 2006

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